

Assembly Bill No. 936

CHAPTER 240

An act to amend Sections 7069, 7083.1, and 7153.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to contractors.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 936, Committee on Business and Professions. Contractors.

Existing law, the Contractors' State License Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors and for the registration of home improvement salespersons, as defined. Existing law requires an applicant for that licence or registration to furnish a full set of fingerprints and requires the Contractors' State License Board to use that set of fingerprints to obtain the applicant's criminal history information.

This bill would delete obsolete language from those provisions.

Existing law specifies various events that result in the cancellation of a license and authorizes the renewal of an expired license within 5 years after its expiration if the appropriate form is filed and fee is paid. Existing law requires a licensee whose license is expired, canceled, or inactive to notify the Registrar of Contractors of a change of address of record within a specified period of time and to maintain a current address of record during the 3-year period following that expiration, cancellation, or inactivation.

This bill would instead require a licensee whose license is renewable, as specified, or whose license is canceled to notify the registrar in writing of a change in address of record within a specified period of time and to maintain a current address of record during the 5-year period following the expiration or cancellation of the license.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7069 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7069. (a) An applicant, and each officer, director, partner, associate, and responsible managing employee thereof, shall not have committed acts or crimes that are grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.

(b) As part of an application for a contractor's license, the board shall require an applicant to furnish a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check. Fingerprints furnished pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted in an electronic format if readily available. Requests for alternative methods of furnishing fingerprints are

subject to the approval of the registrar. The board shall use the fingerprints furnished by an applicant to obtain criminal history information on the applicant from the Department of Justice and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the board may obtain any subsequent arrest information that is available.

SEC. 2. Section 7083.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7083.1. A licensee whose license is expired or suspended, and is renewable under Section 7141, or whose license is canceled, shall notify the registrar in writing of a change of address of record within 90 days, and shall maintain a current address of record during the five-year period immediately following the expiration or cancellation of the license.

SEC. 3. Section 7153.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7153.1. (a) The home improvement salesperson shall submit to the registrar an application in writing containing the statement that he or she desires the issuance of a registration under the terms of this article.

The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the registrar and shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by this chapter.

(b) The registrar may refuse to register the applicant under the grounds specified in Section 480.

(c) As part of an application for a home improvement salesperson, the board shall require an applicant to furnish a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting criminal history record checks. Fingerprints furnished pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted in an electronic format where readily available. Requests for alternative methods of furnishing fingerprints are subject to the approval of the registrar. The board shall use the fingerprints furnished by an applicant to obtain criminal history information on the applicant from the Department of Justice and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, including any subsequent arrest information available.